

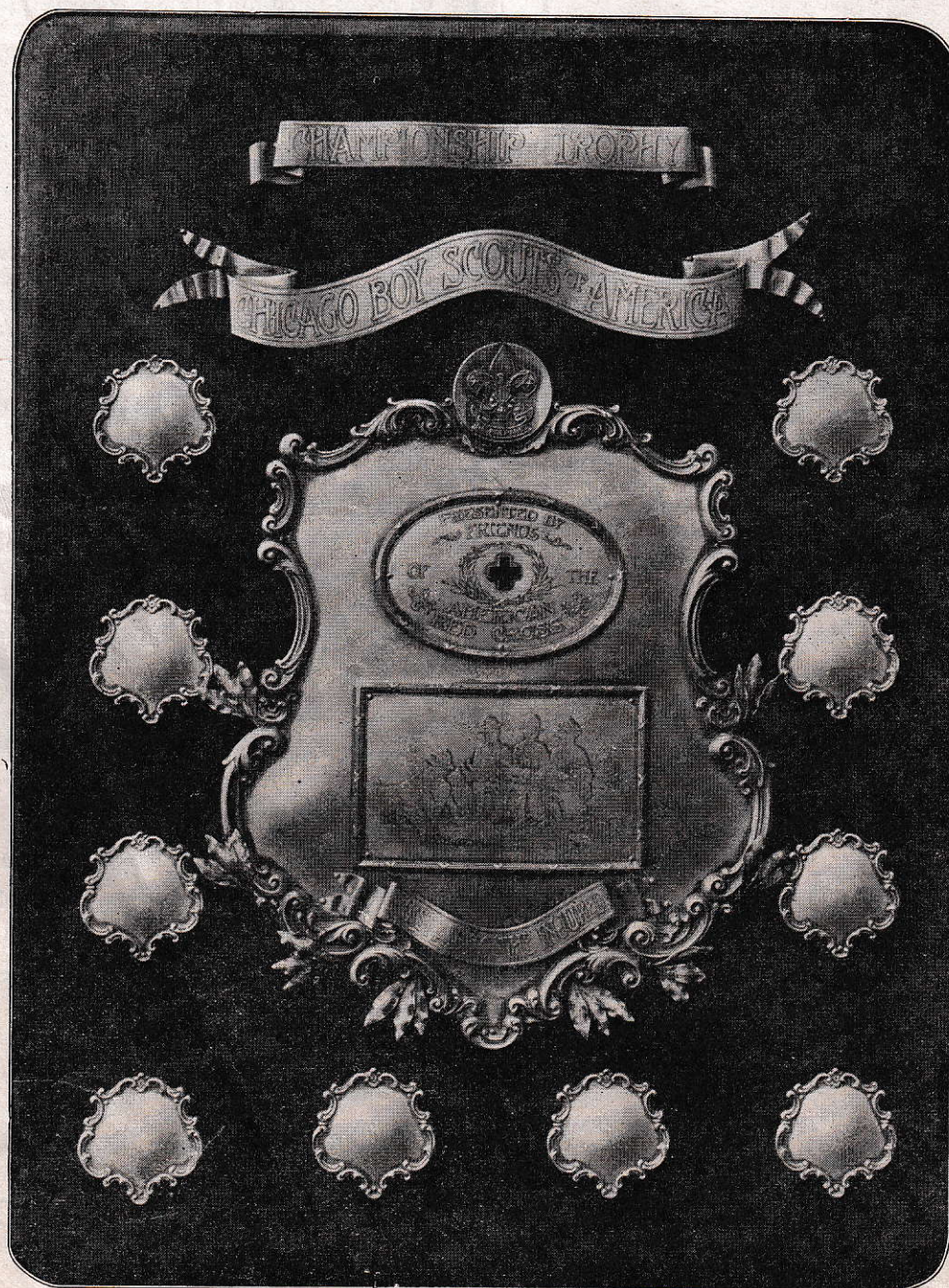
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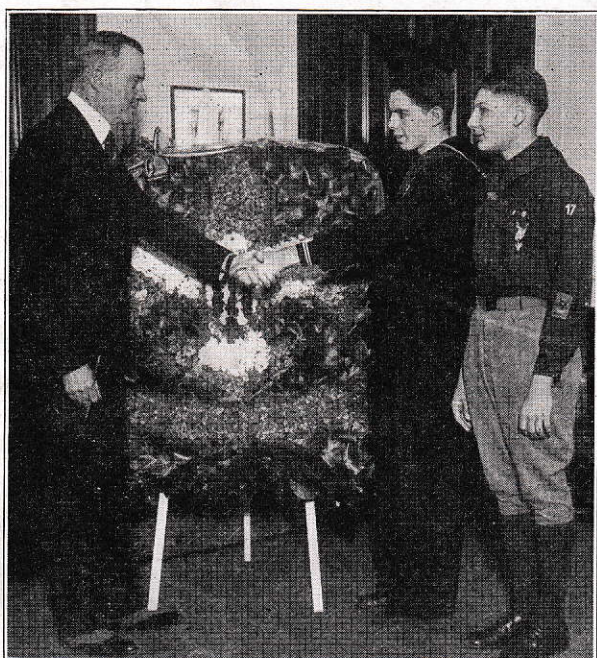
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SCOUTING'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT MOVES TO CHICAGO

Mr. Walter W. Head, National President of the Boy Scouts of America, has just become president of the State Bank of Chicago and a resident of our city. Mr. Head formerly lived in Omaha, Nebraska.

On the day of his arrival two Eagle Scouts, Robert Christiansen and Howard Brandenburg of Troop 17, carried congratulations and good wishes in his new work from the 800,000 Scouts of America.

Also in behalf of the National, Regional and Local Scout Executive staffs these two Scouts presented a handsome floral piece, a reproduction of the Scout emblem.



National President of the Boy Scouts of America, Walter W. Head, receiving from Eagle Scouts Walter Christiansen and Howard Brandenburg a floral reproduction of the Scout Emblem, upon his recent arrival in Chicago to take up the presidency of the State Bank of Chicago

Present also at the welcoming were Mr. Howard Gillette, National Sea Scout Commodore, Mr. Laurence B. Robbins, chairman of the Chicago Council Executive Board, General Le Roy T. Steward, Chief Scout of Chicago, Mr. Walter M. Kiplinger, Regional Executive, and Mr. E. U. Goodman, Chicago Executive.

Chicago is greatly honored by being the home town of such a distinguished Scout and we are most happy that we have so unexpectedly been thrust into the limelight.

BOY SCOUTS AT INAUGURATION

Boy Scouts, despite the inclement weather, made a fine showing in the inaugural parade at Washington when Mr. Hoover was made president. Thirty-seven Scouts led by Uncle Dan Beard, National Scout Commissioner, marched the whole way in a heavy rain.

The Scouts carried two flags. A silk National Colors presented in 1918 by President Wilson to Troop 20 of Washington, of which Herbert Hoover, Jr., was a member, for sales of Liberty Bonds. The other flag was the National Council colors.

The colors were carried in a hollow square, the front and sides of which were composed of Eagle Scouts from Washington and of Scouts from Region Three, while the rear line was made up of Washington Sea Scouts.

Chicago Scout Commissioner Samuel G. Gorsline greeted the President on behalf of Chicago's Boy Scouts. Mr. Gorsline also took several hundred feet of motion pictures of the part the Scouts took in the parade.

YOUR TROOP AND THE FIRST AID CONTEST

All over Chicago from the southern metropolis of Calumet to the arctic regions of the North Shore; from the Lake shore to the farthest limits of West Side; groups of Scouts are busily occupied in training for first aid.

The annual FIRST AID CONTEST of the Chicago Council is under way and everywhere patrols and teams of Scouts are getting prepared to win their troop contest so that the winning patrol or team can enter their district contest. The winning team is to participate in the district contest, and to pit their abilities in First Aid against other troops in their district. And the best outfit gets a chance to enter the final city event in which there will be a team from each district and from some of the nearby Scout Councils.

Is your patrol going to get into it?

For the dates and places of THE DISTRICT CONTESTS

See your Scoutmaster and the April issue of
Scoutcraft

THE CITY FINALS

Saturday evening, May 25th, 1929

7:30 P. M.—Gymnasium of Central Y. M. C. A.
19 S. LaSalle Street

1929 FIRST AID CONTEST RULES

1. The Exhibition Team shall consist of five scouts. One may be designated as a leader.
2. The leaders of the patrols are responsible for the teams until they come to the beginning of the exhibition and shall bring the teams on the floor and lead them off. The leader also shall be responsible for seeing that adequate First Aid supplies are maintained, sending messengers to the supply table for replacements when necessary.
3. The individual members of the teams shall number 1 to 5. Any one of these may be designated as problem leader or as patient.
4. The opening whistle will be blown when the floor manager has reported teams, judges, recorders, and timekeepers in readiness. The problem will then be read aloud and a typed copy will be handed to the problem leader who will be allowed two minutes for study before the second whistle, which shall be the signal to commence work. When the work is completed he shall notify the judge.
5. The timekeeper shall carefully observe the total elapsed time from the sounding of the second whistle to the completion of the problem, as signified by the problem leader's notification to the judge. The timekeeper shall then advise the judge of the number of minutes and seconds by which the team has exceeded the time allowance. This excess, or overtime, shall be noted directly on the judge's discount sheet. The recorder shall compute the penalty from this notation.
6. The problem shall definitely state the persons involved in the drama and also give reference by number.
7. There shall be five problems, using five men—one being the patient.
8. The judges shall meet before the exhibition and agree upon the problems and have them typewritten.
9. The judges shall be rotated with each problem, thereby not judging any team more than once.

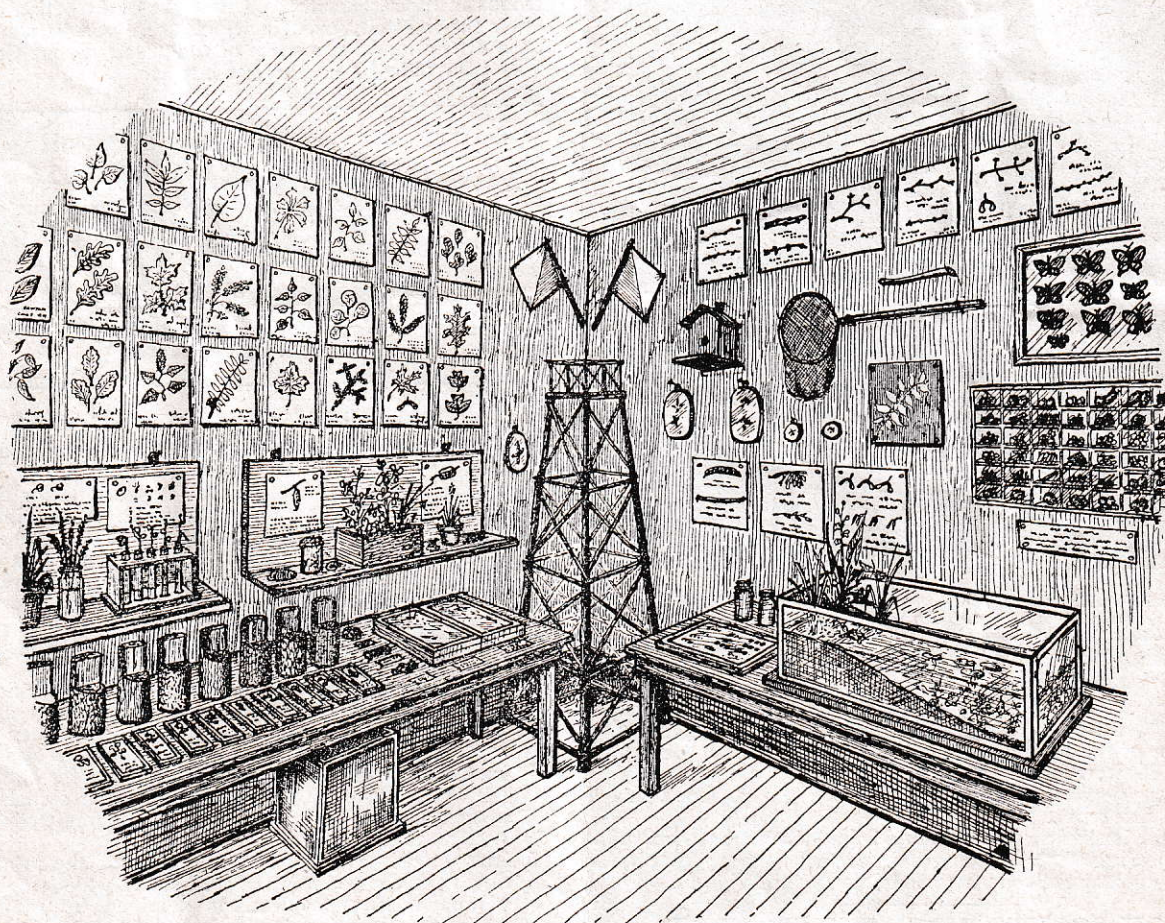
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MUSEUM STUNTS

By Uncle Rufe.

Your troop museum can be made a real attraction and something you all be proud of if you take the trouble to arrange your material so that it will show to the best advantage. What an interesting display for parents night or visitors night when everyone is able to see what an active and wide-awake troop can do.

Of course your specimens have to be taken care of. When not in use they should be packed carefully in large cardboard or wooden boxes and it is a good idea to elect some one of the fellows to take charge of the museum and see that things are kept in good condition.



Starting a museum is easy if you make it an inter-patrol contest and it doesn't take long to get together an attractive collection. After the start is once made you will find that the fellows take such pride in their museum that they will never allow the troop to be without one.

The museum is not only valuable as a reference but it helps the scouts in handi-craft, in nature study generally, and develops a pride in good work. Many a scout has had his merit-badge work made lots easier by means of the troop museum.

WINTER CAMPERS DON'T CATCH COLD

How do we "catch" cold? Does some little imp lie in wait for us and bite us in a vulnerable spot? Is it because we get our feet wet, or fall through the ice while skating? Is it because we get some snow in our clothes while taking a turn on our neck instead of on our skis? Exposure may be a predisposing cause, but the basis of it all is the presence of germs in the nose and throat.

We have germs in our nose and throats all the time. We usually get along very well with them too. We learn to ignore them, and really pay no attention to them. But suppose our friend or acquaintance has a little different family of germs in his nose or throat. They may be very like the ones we have for pets, but the slight difference may cause us a lot of trouble. By lowered resistance we mean insufficient food or rest, exposure to cold, or overwork.

When we go out in the snowy woods, hike along, get our feet wet, sleep outside—these things that cause gray hairs in mothers—we might think that colds would be frequent. Just the opposite is true. Arctic explorers rarely have colds. We will wager that Paul Siple, the Eagle Scout who is down in Antarctica with Commander Byrd will not contract colds. But don't make the mistake of thinking that just being outside with snow and ice about will keep you from catching cold. You must be strong, in good health, and accustomed to outdoor exercise. A hot-house plant does poorly in a blizzard. But if you will get outside, take hikes in winter and get up in the snow, you will be much better for it if you keep warm and dry at night.

Oh yes, we were going to tell you how colds are caught. That is not hard. The key word is **crowds**. Going to school will do it. And to offset that I will add that movies, basketball and hockey games are much more likely to do it. In these places by close personal contact, we are likely to inhale some of the other fellow's pets. They set up an inflammation in our own nasal passage and we then tell folks we have "caught" cold.

H. H. Kretzler, M. D.
Scoutmaster of Troop 320, Seattle
—*"Cedar Chips"*

BRIEF TROOP NOTES

Troop 273 has held 676 troop meetings and has recently celebrated its 13th birthday. Mr. Toby Polito is Scoutmaster.

All of its thirteen years have not been over smooth roads. The troop has met in five different locations and has had several Scoutmasters including Mr. Stephen Major who later served as field executive of the West Side and still later as Commissioner. 273 is one of the three Standard Troops in the West Side District.

Congratulations 273! May your next thirteen years be as successful.

393 Have Banquet for 185 People

Mr. Harry Janson's Troop, Number 393, had a Parents and Sons Banquet and 185 people sat down to the table. The Lynx patrol, having all Parents present, sat in the honor position. The troop is twelve years old and the dinner commemorated the fact. Commissioner Simons gave an inspiring address. Badges and awards were presented including medals to Scouts Olsen and Masterson, first and second place winners in a Troop Signaling contest.

644 Celebrates and Goes Visiting

On the night of February 12th, 644 made whoopee at a Parents and Friends Night. S. P. L. Zitek was master of ceremonies. Scout Carlyle Ernest and S. P. L. Zitek were tied for the troops "All-around Scout Award." The troop journeyed to Berwyn recently and there with the aid of Berwyn Troop 33 put on a demonstration and play. They report a great success.

NEWS FOR SCOUTCRAFT

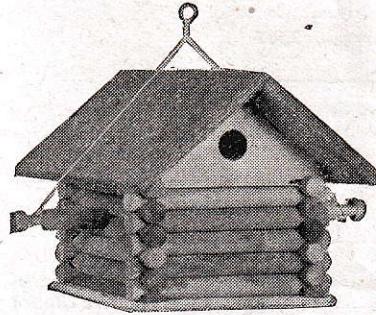
Some one recently said that if a Scout was bitten by a dog, that wasn't news, but if a Scout bit a dog that was news. Now Scoutcraft will gladly give space to troops that really have something to say that will be news to other troops and Scouts. All copy must be in the Editor's hands by the 20th of the month and if possible should be typewritten. Be brief and mention facts and names. Unusual Scout happenings that are worthy of newspaper mention should be phoned to the Publicity Department of Headquarters. Pictures are always most welcome.

MERIT BADGE A MONTH CLUB BIRD STUDY

In this series of Merit Badges, our first was the Path-finding Badge. This, the second, deals with Bird Study.

Our cold weather is going and with it have gone, or are about to go, some of our winter birds. A pamphlet which tells this story of Chicago Winter Birds can be purchased from the Field Museum of Natural History, price 10c. This is edited by Colin C. Sanburn.

If you are planning to meet requirement No. 1 of the Bird Study Merit Badge, which is to list "40 species of wild birds which have been personally observed and positively identified in the field," this is the time of year that you should start.



Go down along the lake shore, especially in the lagoons of Jackson Park or Lincoln Park, and there, if you will exercise some patience and a good sharp eye, possibly combined with a little stalking, you should find the American Merganser, the Red-breasted Merganser, Old Squaw, or Golden-eye, all of the duck family.

These ducks arrive in

October and November and leave last of March or early April.

It may be that you can still find the Snow Buntings. They are scheduled to leave us the first of March at the very latest, yet you may find a straggler who has not yet gone north to his summer home. Possibly a sharp eye will help you locate the Prairie Horned Lark. He oftentimes associates himself with the Snow Buntings. The American Rough-legged Hawk is another winter resident that comes in October and November and stays until early March.

The Northern Shrike, or Butcherbird comes in October and stays until March. The Tree Sparrow is another October arrival. You will be able to find him until the first of May. During the winter, the Slate-colored Junco is often in company with the Tree Sparrow. The slate-colored breast of the Junco enables you to spot him immediately. Again, the Juncos are more numerous than many of the birds who winter with us.

The Red-poll is another winter resident that comes in October and stays until April. He is quite common and is always here. Be sure to look for him. Of course, those of you who are in the habit of visiting the woods and parks will already have on your list the Hairy Woodpecker, the Downy Woodpecker, the Blue Jay, and, possibly, the American Crow, because these are all very common and very well known birds.

Nearly everybody knows the Chickadee and any who have been to the Forest Preserve have seen the White-breasted Nuthatch. These are a few of the birds that anyone may find with a little care.

The Agricultural Department at Washington or Springfield, will be glad to send you, upon request, information about birds that are of value to agriculture in the destruction of insects, which is requirement No. 3. Again, the State Department of Conservation, at Springfield, Illinois, has a booklet called "BIRDS OF ILLINOIS" by O. M. Schantz, which you can get by writing to Springfield.

The Department of Forestry and Conservation will be glad to give you information regarding requirement No. 5, also.

It is well to start on requirement No. 6 immediately, especially in the matter of making the bird houses and getting them placed in the woods and yards, in order that the birds may find them up and ready when they arrive and begin prospecting for their new homes.

If you have been on your toes this winter, you will probably have completed requirement No. 7, to some extent at least, because there has been a good deal of propaganda about the preserving of birds recently.

It is rather difficult, of course, for a boy in the city to do much toward bird preserves and sanctuaries, and yet by acquainting yourself with the facts, you can be prepared to tell your friends and neighbors as well as Scouts and people with whom you come in contact, about the necessity of protecting our birds.

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ANOTHER TRIBUNE-BOB BECKER TRIP THIS SPRING

From one of the lake piers of Chicago a Tribune paper boat will carry ten lucky Scouts on a voyage of exploration into the Canadian wilderness as soon as school closes. A small group of fellows who had the privilege of going with Bob Becker on the 1928 canoe trip down the turbulent Rock River, will remember that expedition to the end of their lives. Bob Becker, noted sports writer for the Tribune, a man who has spent over half of his life out of doors in out of the way places—South America, and in the wild spots on this continent, will again lead the expedition, which is sponsored by the Tribune. The Scouts will go by boat through the lakes to the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, from which point they will strike into the heart of the wilderness, that is today one of the few remaining primeval forests. This vast expanse of wilderness territory that is being developed by the Tribune as a permanent source of wood pulp for the manufacture of their paper, is still unexplored for the most part, much of it never having heard the footsteps of the white man until very recent years, and then only while an occasional ranger cruised around exploring the land for development.

Here in the midst of the forest, along one of the clear, swift rivers, in the shade of the huge monarchs of the forest, under the crystal clear Canadian starlight, these ten lucky Scouts will pitch their camp and remain for nine or ten days, exploring the country thereabouts, getting such an experience as few Chicago boys have ever had. Those who have read "The Forest" by Stuart Edward White, and his "The Blazed Trail," will get an appreciation of the beauties of the forest that will be seen—the life of the lumberjacks, the French Canadian people, the animal life that abounds and the many other joys of camping in such an

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BOY SCOUTS OF ENTIRE WORLD TO GIVE PRESENT TO SIR ROBERT

Is there a Scout in all Chicago who does not know that Sir Robert SS. Baden-Powell is the founder of the Boy Scout Movement? Let us hope not, for that would truly be ignorance.

And now, fellows, here is the story about the present. This coming summer the Boy Scout Movement, which started in England in 1908, will be 21 years old. The International Jamboree is in celebration of that event and it will be known as the "Coming of Age Jamboree."

From the International Committee of the Boy Scouts which represents the 41 different nations that now have Scouts, it is proposed to give a wonderful gift to Sir Robert.

Now undoubtedly some rich men could be persuaded to contribute money with which to buy this gift but it wouldn't mean so much to Sir Robert, as a gift purchased with even a penny or so collected from every Scout in the world. Truly such a gift would be a present to be proud of. And that is what we propose to do.

Some time soon your Scoutmaster will give every Scout in your troop an opportunity to contribute two pennies toward this gift. Two cents from every Chicago Scout will mean around \$250 as our Chicago share.

Every effort is being made to keep this present a secret, so no newspaper notice has been made.

Next August during the Jamboree there will be lots of newspaper mention. At that time you will all know what the gift to Sir Robert is.

Right now, though, reserve two pennies which when combined with two pennies from every other Scout in the world, will purchase a wonderful and fitting gift for the "Dad" of Scouting, the Chief Scout of the World.

Watch for the envelope to appear in your troop!

SCOUT ATHLETES WE HAVE KNOWN

Along lines other than swimming Chicago Scouts have also demonstrated their value in the wide and diverse field of sport.

Out at Brown university in the east the student body in general is eagerly awaiting the 1929 football season when "Bud" Edwards, one of the best halfbacks in the east last year, will lead his cohorts on the grid field. Oldtimers will probably remember the time when "Bud" captained the Senn high eleven in 1925 and was also a star in swimming, track, and baseball. A few will also remember him as a Scout in Troop 838 of Rogers Park.

"Bud's" elder brother, Big Jim, also performed for Brown. Big Jim, christened Howard, was the shining star of the great Illinois freshman football team in 1925, transferred to Brown the following year, captained the second team when he was ineligible due to transferring of schools, and then played as regular halfback in 1927. He, also, was a Scout in 838.

Along the basketball lines in the Chicago public school and parochial leagues only one performer's name seems at all familiar. Doubtless there are more and letters to the editor telling of the same will be gladly accepted. The one man is Harry Smock, a forward on Senn's heavyweight quintet. Besides basketball, Smock was a member of the green and white golf team which copped the city indoor title in 1927. He was an officer at Dan Beard in 1927.

In the wrestling division of the Big Ten George Waters, one of Judd Thorpe's traders in the Trading Post, is grappling for Northwestern in the 135 pound class. George is a junior at the Purple institution and works at the Post in his spare time.

THE FEBRUARY EAGLES



Troop 448—Theodore Moran (A. S. M.)
Troop 606—Louis Loizzo
Troop 693—Herman Becker
Troop 834—Charles Hart
Troop 848—Walter Schneider (A. S. M.)

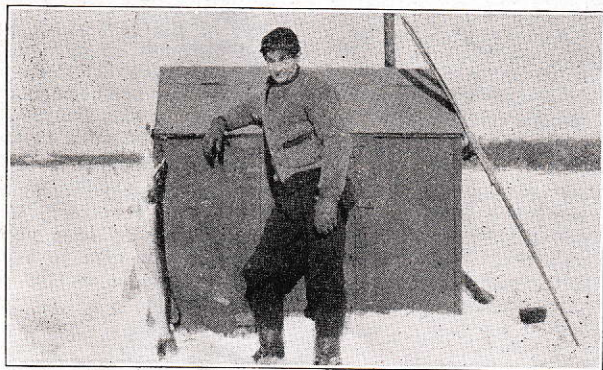
Winners of Bronze Palms

Troop 871—Delbert Cook
Troop 871—Roy Bredal (A. S. M.)

OWASIPPE IN WINTER—HOT STOVE!

Boy, you would sure need a "hot stove" if you were at Owasispe now! That wonderful land that tugs so hard in your summer memories is a place of snow and ice and a vast silence—silence that you can hear.

New Year's Day winter actually started and until now it hasn't let up. The few winter residents have almost hibernated. Mail and transportation except afoot has been cut



Rue Miller, Custodian of Owasispe Scout Camps, and pickerel he speared from his fish house on Big Blue Lake

off, the telephone and radio being the sole means of communication. Food is carried into the woods on the back in packs. Snowshoes and skis are absolutely essential. Several feet of snow on the level and we won't venture a guess on the amount of drifts.



Storing over 200 tons of ice at Owasispe Scout Camps for use next summer

But that isn't all! No sir! It takes more than snow and cold to stop these hardy folk. Sitting before the fireplace, reading and the radio are of interest just so long—then something must be stirred up.

How about fishing? Glorious! The picture gives an idea of winter fishing. A small house equipped with a heater is placed over a hole in the ice. The fisherman inside in darkness is easily able to see all movements in the crystal clear water. A decoy is used to attract the fish; a spear to pick them out of the water. That real "granddaddies" do exist is proven by the pickerel shown in the picture.

Then even in winter, thought must be given to next summer's camp. And there is the little matter of 200 tons of ice to be stored. Cutting, hauling and storing this ice is a ten day job for Mr. Miller, the custodian, and his gang of men. The ice this year is unusually thick so there will be plenty of ice tea next summer—Whoa!



Checaugau's Headquarters Cabin in winter garb

And just for the sake of lamenting because you can't be there, we are publishing this mid-winter view of the Checaugau Headquarters' cabin. What wouldn't you give to be there, old timer?

But forget your sighing and wishing. When winter comes, spring is sure to follow—and summer follows spring closely. Less than four months you can once more embark for Old Owasispe the "Camp of proven desire and known delight."

Many men are now at work to get things in readiness for summer camp after winter's vigil. Much money, thought and labor will have it all ready—for you, old Scout. I'll see you **THERE!**

SEA SCOUT WITH BYRD RADIOS GREETINGS; BYRD PROUD OF SIPLE

Dr. John H. Finley sent the following message to Commander Byrd:

Commander Byrd, Little America, Antarctica—Making Address By Radio for the Boy Scout Anniversary Week Tomorrow Night to 800,000 Boy Scouts. May I Say a Few Words for You and Paul Siple.

John H. Finley

FOLLOWING IS THE REPLY:

0547 gmt February 8th, 1929
88 W F B T Little America, Antarctica

Finley
Times, New York.

"You are familiar with my attitude toward the SCOUTS. I consider it a great movement for the best kind of progress. PAUL SIPLE is living up to the high standards and I am proud of him.

He sends his greetings."

BYRD

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10. The timekeepers shall not belong to any of the patrols demonstrating.
11. Each team shall have its own representatives at the recorder's table. The recorders shall be in charge of a chief recorder who shall be a disinterested party.
12. Uniforms: All team members shall wear the regulation scout uniforms.
13. At the close of each problem, and after marking the discount sheet, the judge shall show the problem leader the penalties which have been charged and tell him why. The patient shall remain as he was at the end of the problem until this has been done and the problem leader has signified that he does not desire to protest. If the problem leader wishes to protest any penalties, the judge shall call the referee who will decide the matter in question. The referee's decision shall be final.
14. None but registered scouts in good standing shall compete.



CHICAGO GETS REGIONAL FLAGSHIP

First Class Ship "Old Ironsides" has been designated Flagship for Region VII by a unanimous decision of the Regional S. S. Committee, as announced by Commodore Noyes on March 6th. This makes "Old Ironsides" the top notch Sea Scout outfit in four big states which comprise the strongest and ablest Sea Scout region in the country.

The ship started as a patrol of six first class Scouts in Troop 17 and continued so for a year and a half. At length, the increased membership seemed to justify its raising to a ship's rating which it has had for three years. The crew took part in every activity possible, gaining strength and experience, frequently at the expense of victory. Gradually it worked up from obscurity against obstacles known only to Sea Scouts and began to establish a reputation.

Last spring the ship became Second Class, this year First Class, and to cap all, Regional Flagship.

The membership now stands at 33 Sea Scouts and the skipper, 6 of which are Eagle Scouts. There are 12 apprentices, 9 ordinaries, 10 ables, and 1 Q. M., and almost all in uniform.

"Old Ironsides" and Skipper Oloff are to be very heartily congratulated.

Chicago now has more Sea Scouts than any other city in the world—even in mighty London. That their ability is also top notch is shown by the fact that four of the six first class ships in the country hail from Chicago. And our Board of Review is no lolly pop, either. Ask them as knows.

ICE BOATING

The Ship Farragut (S. W.) has just wound up a very enjoyable season of ice boating on Calumet lake. They have three light, fast, very trim ice sloops about 15 feet in length, built by themselves at a very reasonable cost. They got some good pictures which we will print perhaps in our summer edition when the baking breezes blow. The Farragut crew had such a good time out of it that they may have more competition in the next winter season.

The ship is now turning its attention to the building of another sailing dinghy to keep the ex-"Scuttlebut" company.

THE "SEA DEVIL" SPEAKS

Even those who were not fortunate enough to read of the "Sea Devils" adventures as written in book form by Lowell Thomas, have heard of him from one source or another. Count Von Luckner, himself, was in Chicago recently fulfilling a lecture engagement and was much interested in Sea Scouting as explained by our Portmaster, Lt. Pieper. The more he heard, the better he liked the idea and the upshot of the matter was that he sat down and wrote the following stirring message:

Boys:

You represent the spirit of your Great Nation and it is your task to train your bodies, mind and character and prepare yourselves for the great battle of life. You must be an example for all other boys.

It is not alone necessary that you train your bodies, but most important—your character. Everything depends upon a good character and your finest example is your wonderful young Ace, Charles Lindbergh. His lone flight across the Atlantic was a great success—he was fit and able to do this all by himself because of his courage. His moral qualities and unspoiled character gave him the energy to stick to his task to the finish—success. He did not do it for advertisement, but for his Country, which he represented in such a brave sporting way.

You boys have the heritage of the greatest Country in the world, developed through the adventurous pioneer spirit of your forefathers. These are your aristocrats and you must not only be proud of them, but you must prove your worth and become able successors.

Twenty-six years ago I traveled through your country as a tramp and I assure you, only a tramp really knows how great your country is, and is able to realize what this country has accomplished and how much it has developed in twenty-six years.

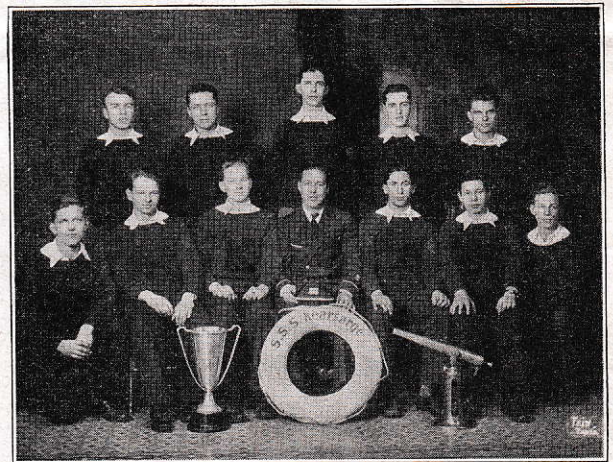
Europe is a continent of many nations, languages and races and exposed to the ambitions of the leaders of its different states and so has passed through many wars. With all these wars they have been able to bring these nations closer together, on the contrary they are divided by distrust of one another. America has only one language, one nation with one custom border from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

You probably don't realize, yet how happy you should be that you can call such a Fatherland your very own. As a good American it is your duty certainly to love your country the while you enjoy all that it can give to you, but be fit and ready for the trials of life and be worthy of her on land or sea.

Yours,
(Signed) Count Felix Von Luckner

S. S. S. KEARSARGE A HUSKY BABY

The crew of the S. S. S. Kearsarge are the undefeated cutter champions of Chicago. They have beaten the best time of such old ships as "John Paul Jones," "Revenge," "Farragut," and "Old Ironsides." They are sponsored by Swift, Armour and Wilson Companies and their "brick battleship" is docked about 11 minutes and 12 seconds southeast of the Stockyards in the Jackson Park Harbor.



The "K" boys from the (stutter and sneeze) "K-K-K-Kearsarge" and the trophies their ship has recently won. Left to right: Front Row—Kasper, Sweilaushas, Rasmussen, Skipper Kral, Jobin, Hohen, Ellsion. Top row: Liston, Linnane, Dice, Arterburn

Early last summer, this ship started their tough climb. Twenty boys came out for the cutter crew. It took several hundred hours of sweaty toil to condition their boat and an equal amount of time to develop any semblance of a snappy stroke. Practicing two or three nights a week and on Sundays the crew entered the cutter race last fall and swept down the finish line a length to the front of the hearties of the "Corsair." This race meant the County championship, the Commodore's Cup, the Jackson Park Title and the Regatta championship in the cutter class.

"Kearsarge" looks forward to putting an even stronger crew in the water next spring and hope to repeat their sweeping victory of last fall.

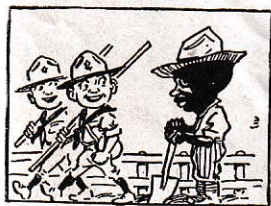
The ship is skippered by Ed. Kral, a veteran leader in South Central. Walter Furth and Paul A. Rasmussen are the mates.

HIKING HINTS

(The original thought in this article is the product of Mr. Clark E. Schurman, former editor of "Scouting,"
The drawings are by Scout Artist, Frank Rigney)

SCOUT, you have come into Scouting for a number of great benefits and experiences. We want you to feel at home and catch the spirit of our crowd as soon as possible. Perhaps if we summed up our experiences and gave you some of our ideas we can help make your stay a pleasant one right from the start. We have drawn up some rules which represent the combined wisdom of the old timers and should be a fairly good measuring rod.

We have as the center of Scouting, governing all of us, The Spirit of Scouting. We think of it as embodied in an invisible ideal Scout. It is the best that is in all of us; with a wonderful amount of common sense.



"Avoid slighting remarks."

This Scouting Spirit is pleased by thoughtfulness and real Scouting. It is offended, or hurt, or made sick by thoughtlessness on the part of any of us. Consequently we are exact in our courtesy to one another. We absolutely refuse to interrupt another. We check our inclinations to talk loudly and instead use the tones of the woods. We feel there is so much of our Scout life and so little time for us to be together that we have decided to abandon all rough-housing except in the times given us for rough, husky games and muscle-building contests, and times for lung stretching yells. But we have found the mystic charm of Scouting and we are centered upon it, all the time.

The wish of the senior member is always respected. In drill it is a formal command. In camp and on hikes it is usually a mere suggestion.

Recommended objects for hikes are: comradeship on the open road, exploration, acquaintance with nature in respect to trees, birds, animals, flowers, geology, astronomy, etc.; map making, signalling, observation, patrolling; mastery of camping technique, passing of tests, photography and tracking.



"Don't leave a piggy camp-site."

Because we necessarily come in contact with the rights of others under conditions that are not familiar to most of us when we start hiking, these suggestions are made to be applied with your best judgment.

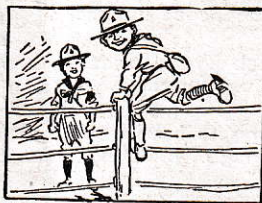
Hike with a definite object or combination of objects.

Plan to make friends for Scouting and to be welcome over the same trail again. In town walk not more than two abreast, and keep to the right. Pass others "right by file." In this you will be conspicuously more courteous than the average group of boys—enough so as to advertise Scouting "by its works." On cars consider the convenience of the other passengers and be as inconspicuous as possible. Of course you won't wrestle, shove, shout or whistle. This doesn't preclude several of you singing chancies in camp style at opportune times on cars. In the country avoid slighting remarks. Don't say "guys," "natives," "inhabitants," or attempt to be funny at the expense of the farmers. You must look to them for hospitality, and it isn't in order to make sport of one's hosts.

Everybody carries in his shirt a folding drinking cup or several paper cups, a clean handkerchief, matches, and toilet paper. In his trousers or on a money belt, money and knife. In his haversack, rucksack, newspaper or poncho-roll his own provisions, utensils, and duffel. Axes are not essential and should not be carried except by direct permission of the leader. No one is allowed to lend, except on permission from the leader. No one ever asks to borrow. At camp a duffel line is usually marked and nothing ever laid down except at that line; this guards against losses.

The fire line is indicated to lee of the duffel line, and at right angles to the wind. Build your own cooking or friendship fire with your bunkie or patrol, observing good form and safety. Break your fuel away from the cooking area, and get all of it, and have all of your provisions opened before lighting the fire. Your proficiency will be observed by the Scoutmaster, who cares to see you do a quick, good job at each meal and to clean up immediately after it.

Fires require clearings in the vegetable mold before they are started. They must be out, entirely, and a pair of new sticks laid crossways over the ash heap to show the next comer that you did a Scout-like job of putting out your fire. This is a



"Cross fences at strong points."

matter of pride in our own skill, woodcraft and honor of Scouting.

Leave a clean trail. Food must not be wasted. If accident contaminates your food, don't throw it away to be read by the next party as a sign of wastefulness; bury it. Clean up the last man's debris rather than leave papers, cans, and bottles to disfigure the glory of wilderness which yourself came to find. Do this before resting. You will rest much better.

Now a few more things that sound like "don'ts," but which the good sense of these boys who are just like you, has already made good.

Fences are expensive and important property. They cost a lot to put up, and they are far more necessary than you realize, in restraining hogs, cattle, sheep, etc., in protecting planted crops and livestock. Because a fence is in poor condition do not make it worse,—rather, do a good turn right there. The farmer works hard and you should not make him an hour's extra work or anxiety. Cross at strong points, using both sides of the post—not the middle of the stretches. Use gates—have more pride in what you know of fair play and helping farmers raise food than in the exceedingly common ability to climb four feet of wire fence.

Fields are seed beds, often left planted all winter. Every blade is precious and NOTHING justifies your crossing a planted field. To do so is to steal a man's crop.

Animals are part of the food supply. Horses in field are there to rest up for hard work. Cows yield better milk when unworried. Never chase them.

Steers are being fattened for food. The bulls you can worry all you want to if you must chase something. But get in the field with them, don't trust a fence. Chickens are property, and until you know how to clean and dress one at home, leave out the time-worn remark about what you feel like doing.

Snakes and birds are part of the farmer's crop insurance. They keep pests in check. Do not kill either. Snakes are curious. They lift their heads to see, just as you do. Protect them for the sake of the crops.

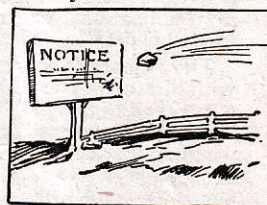
Ditches and drains, field culverts, tool sheds, machines in field, all are part of the nation's labor to raise food. Nothing needs be said further.



"Chase the bulls if you must chase something"



"The ability to climb fences is exceedingly common."



"Avoid the appearance of being a marauder."

THE PATROL LEADERS OWN COLUMN

Recently the Patrol Leaders of Philadelphia in formal conference passed the following resolutions:

That every effort be made to encourage the use of the Patrol Leader system by Troops.

That we believe a Scout in uniform gets more fun in Scouting, and that the wearing of the Scout uniform helps the troop.

We believe each Patrol, as well as each Troop, should perform annually at least one Good Turn for the Community.

That we will do everything in our power to have every one show the proper respect due the Flag of the United States.

We endorse the slogan, "Every Scout in every Troop in Camp this summer."

PATROL MEETINGS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

"In our Troop we consider Patrol Meetings more important than the Troop meetings," observed one Patrol Leader whose Troop had been steadily forging to the front.

"Repeat that, please," we told him.

He repeated it and we gasped again. Then we were quiet for a moment.

"Why, that's funny. Our Patrol Meetings don't amount to shucks. How do you explain that?" one of our number asked.

"How much time do you think your Scoutmaster gives to planning out the programs for your Troop Meeting?" and "How much time and thought do you give to planning your Patrol Meetings?"

We sat quiet and didn't answer him. But we swallowed hard!

USING PATROL STAMPS

The Patrol stamp is made from pieces of battleship linoleum. The waste pieces may be obtained from places where workmen are laying new linoleum or replacing old. There are always scraps left over and are easily secured if you make your wants known early enough. Get in touch with managers of "carpet departments" in furniture stores.

After securing the material, clean its surface with sandpaper until quite smooth. Then with a thin piece of tracing paper the Patrol animal head is traced from the Handbook for Boys. Larger tracing can be secured from other Scouting publications, or you may be skillful enough to make a freehand drawing of the Patrol totem.

The tracing is in turn placed onto the smoothed linoleum with the aid of carbon paper. You are then ready to cut out the design which is then fastened to small wooden blocks with several brads, making the stamp ready for use, when an ink pad is available.

The stamp can be used by every member of the patrol as a means of identification, and instead of signing his name the writer puts his Patrol number beside the design and the number of his Troop.

The stamp may also be used in keeping records of inter-patrol contests. The Scoutmaster instead of writing the patrol name at the top of the sheet, affixes the Patrol stamp.—Los Angeles Scout.

A NEW GAME—"WELCOME STRANGER"

During the Troop Meeting have a stranger go around to each of the Patrols, spending two minutes with each of them in turn. Each patrol is permitted to question him as they choose. The winning patrol is the one that finds out the most about the stranger.

Sounds easy, doesn't it? Try it and you will be surprised at the simple things that are sometimes forgotten. One patrol was even known to forget to ask the stranger's name.

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environment. Canoe trips, hikes, fishing for the gamey fish that dart about in the rivers of the far northland; possibly a visit to the world-famous bird rookeries, possibly a visit to Montreal or Quebec, and other side trips are part of the proposed itinerary.

In all of this the selected Scouts are to be the guests of the Tribune, except that the Scouts must pay a sufficient sum to cover the expense of food and provide the camping equipment that will be needed while actually in the woods and their own personal equipment and spending money. The cost of the expedition to the lucky Scouts who get to go, will probably not exceed \$25.00 for the general expense other than personal equipment, if it amounts to that much.

Who May Go—Qualifications

A Scout or Sea Scout must be at least 16 years of age and not attained his eighteenth birthday by July 1st, 1929, and have been an active registered Scout for at least the



past year in the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. He must be at least a Life Scout by May 1st and must hold both the swimming and life saving merit badges. Scouts will be examined by physicians to make sure they are in good physical condition to take such a trip. A try-out will be held sometime the latter part of May so that the applicants may demonstrate their ability in handling a canoe. This date will be announced to applicants. A Scout must have his Scoutmaster's certification as to character, personality, his ability to handle himself in the open, and his experience in camping and woodcraft. Those boys who demonstrate ability in the outdoors and submit satisfactory evidence as requested, will be further judged on the basis of personality, ability to participate in programs (such as playing of any camping musical instrument) and other qualifications. The ten Scouts will be chosen by the Activities Department of the Council, working in conjunction with Mr. Becker and the leaders of the party who are to be selected. The party will be under the direct leadership of Mr. Becker with an adult Scout leader in charge. Every possible safety precaution will be taken.

Those interested in making applications may do so by securing an application form from their Scoutmasters. Further information will be sent directly to Scoutmasters, and further questions will be answered by the Activities Department at Headquarters.

The best good turn I've seen," said a second class Scout at the Court of Honor, "was a guy who ate another guy's hunters stew and saved him from getting sick."

"Contour lines on a map show which way the wind blows."—First class candidate at Board of Review.

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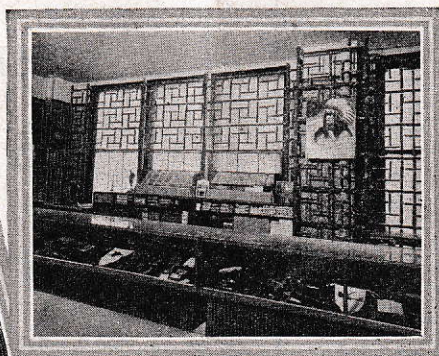
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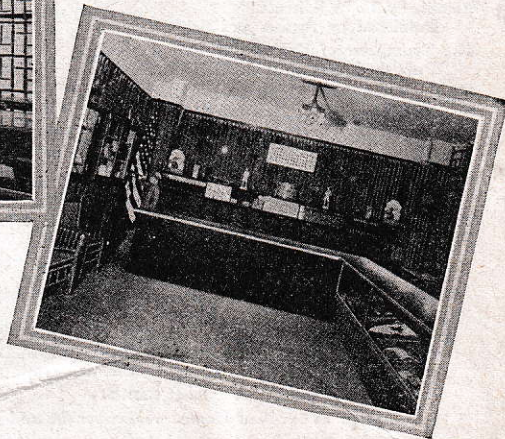
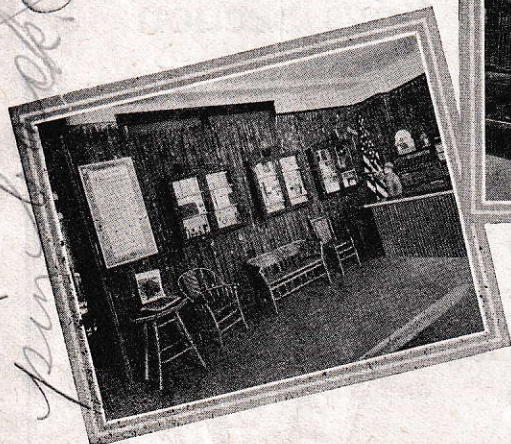
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